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TO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA FLASH

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ID

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO. IF RECIPIENT NOT AVAILABLE, DELIVER TO HIGHEST OFFICIAL AVAILABLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AS I ASSUME THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES, I AM AS ONE OF MY FIRST ACTS WRITING TO YOU TO ASSURE YOU OF MY FIRM DEDICATION TO THE POLICIES THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PURSUING IN ITS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND IN PARTICULAR TO THE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS THAT RELATE TO INDONESIA.

THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES IS BASED SOLIDLY ON THE SUPPORT OF BOTH OF OUR MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES. THE PRINCIPLE OF CONTINUITY IN FOREIGN POLICY HAS DEEP ROOTS IN THE TRADITIONS, INSTITUTIONS, AND NATIONAL INTERESTS OF AMERICA. NO PRINCIPLE WILL BE MORE CENTRAL TO THE CONDUCT OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE

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UNITED STATES UNDER MY ADMINISTRATION.

IN MY CONDUCT OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY, I WILL HAVE  
THE FIRM SUPPORT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER, IN WHOM I HAVE  
THE GREATEST CONFIDENCE. HE HAS DISCUSSED WITH ME THE  
HIGH IMPORTANCE WHICH WE PLACE ON RELATIONSHIPS WITH  
INDONESIA; AND HAS INFORMED ME OF THE CONVERSATIONS  
AND CORRESPONDENCE THAT HAVE PASSED BETWEEN THE LEADERS  
OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I FULLY ENDORSE AND WILL DO MY  
UTMOST TO CARRY OUT ALL OF THE AGREEMENTS THAT HAVE  
BEEN REACHED. INDONESIA OCCUPIES A SPECIAL PLACE IN  
ASIA, AND WE BELIEVE THAT OUR TIES WITH INDONESIA ARE  
IMPORTANT TO THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES, TO OUR  
MUTUAL INTERESTS IN THE ASIAN AREA, AND TO WORLD PEACE.  
I SHALL ENDEAVOR TO STRENGTHEN THOSE TIES. SINCERELY,  
GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT KISSINGER

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